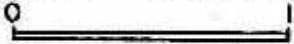


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CUSHMAN POND
SUMNER TWP. OXFORD CO.
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CUSHMAN POND

Sumner Twp., Oxford Co.
U.S.G.S. West Sumner, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Brook trout
Minnows
Golden shiner

Hornpout (bullhead)

Physical Characteristics

Area - 15 acres

Maximum depth - 21 feet

Temperatures:

Surface - 76°F

20 feet - 46°F

Principal fisheries: Brook trout

Cushman Pond was chemically reclaimed in 1971 to remove competing fish species and permit more intensive management for brook trout. Throughout the 1970's and early 1980's, Cushman Pond produced a great brook trout fishery. Brook trout over a pound were not uncommon, and trout over 2 pounds were caught on occasion. Golden shiners were illegally introduced in the early 1980's and the pond became a popular source for commercial bait fishermen. Bullhead were also illegally introduced in the 1980's, possibly a result from bait fishing activities.

Another reclamation is not possible, because North Pond, which lies downstream, is a water supply pond for Buckfield. The pond is still stocked annually with brook trout and is providing a good fishery for small trout. The competition for food by the bullheads and shiners severely limits the growth potential of the stocked trout.

Walk-in access over private property is permitted. A dirt road off the Sumner Hill Road is gated approximately 1/3 mile from Cushman pond.

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